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FEBRUARY 18th, 1930.

SECRETARY,
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

I AM A COLLECTOR OF THE INSIGNIA OF THE VARIOUS IMPERIAL RUSSIAN ORDERS AND OF IMPERIAL RUSSIAN DECORATIONS AND MEDALS. FOR SOME TIME, I HAVE MEANT TO COME IN TOUCH WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO FIND OUT THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WHAT I HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF "THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY".

I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IN ORDER TO ~~ATTAIN~~ SUCH MEMBERSHIP, I MUST WRITE A TREATIS OR ESSAY ON SOME PARTICULAR MEDAL OR GROUP OF MEDALS. IS THIS SO?

WILL YOU PLEASE ADVISE ME AS TO WHAT STEPS I MUST TAKE TO SECURE MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR SOCIETY, AND ALSO WHAT THE ANNUAL DUES ARE, AS WELL AS THE PRIVILEGES OF THE SOCIETY.

I AM ENCLOSING AN AIR MAIL STAMP FOR YOUR REPLY.

AS I AM AT PRESENT CONFINED TO MY BED, I AM HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WRITING THIS LETTER, SO I ASK YOU TO PLEASE EXCUSE ANY ERRORS I HAVE MADE.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton.

Feb. 20, 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
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Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 18th, an interest in numismatics is the only requirement for membership in our organization, and I take pleasure in enclosing a card of application. Your informant was quite mistaken in thinking that publication of an article was a requisite of membership.

May I ask regarding the size of your collection of Russian medals and how you became interested; has your interest extended to coinage as well? Please be assured that we shall gladly aid in any way possible.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

To the Secretary of
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

NAME Alan W. Hazelton
ADDRESS 1343 Warner Ave, Westwood, Los Angeles, Cal.

Note: The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of \$100.00.

PROPOSED BY: Sydney P. Nore

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FEBRUARY 25th, 1930.

MR. SIDNEY P. NOE, SECRETARY,
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
BROADWAY AT 156th STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

*Please return
with
any
comments
S.P.N.*

I AM ENCLOSING AN APPLICATION CARD MADE OUT
AS INDICATED, AND TRUST THAT THIS APPLICATION WILL
BE FAVOURABLY ACTED UPON. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT
REPLY.

ENCLOSED IS ALSO A COPY OF A LIST OF THE
RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS WHICH I HAVE
SO FAR COLLECTED. HAVING ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN
THINGS RUSSIAN, AND HAVING ALWAYS HAD A GREAT INTEREST
IN ORDERS AND DECORATIONS, IT WAS QUITE NATURAL FOR
ME TO COMBINE THESE TWO LIKINGS IN COLLECTING THE
ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS OF THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN
GOVERNMENT. THIS INTEREST HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY
MY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH RUSSIAN EMIGRES AND BY MY
MARRIAGE TO A RUSSIAN LADY. MANY OF MY DEAR FRIENDS
ARE RUSSIANS WHO WERE AT ONE TIME OFFICERS IN THE
IMPERIAL OR WHITE ARMIES. FURTHERMORE, THE DIFFERENT
RUSSIAN ORDERS ARE QUITE BEAUTIFUL AND, CONSIDERING
THEIR DIVERSITIES OF PERIOD AND STYLE, FORM A LARGE
GROUP WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME AND PATIENCE TO
COMPLETE. I AM IN TOUCH WITH MESSERS SPINK & CO. OF
LONDON AND WITH A.H. BALDWIN. MOST OF MY SPECIMENS HAVE
BEEN BOUGHT, HOWEVER, FROM RUSSIAN FRIENDS OF MINE.

of I HAVE ONE OR TWO ITEMS WHICH I KNOW LITTLE ABOUT
AND WHICH I HOPE TO DISCOVER MORE. AT THAT TIME, I SHALL
WRITE A SHORT ARTICLE ABOUT THESE SPECIMENS AND SHALL
SEND IT TO YOU. I AM AT PRESENT IN COMMUNICATION WITH
SEVERAL GENTLEMEN REGARDING THESE DECORATIONS. I REFER
TO TWO CROSSES OF THE ORDER OF ST. GEORGE WHICH WERE
AWARDED BY GENERAL-ADMIRAL KOLTSCHAK IN SIBERIA. THERE
WERE VERY FEW OF THEM CONFERRED, AS FAR AS I KNOW, AND
ONLY ONE OF MY FRIENDS HAS EVER SEEN THEM BEFORE.

WILL YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE
GIVEN TO A COLLECTOR THROUGH YOUR SOCIETY. IS THERE
AN PUBLICATION EDITED BY THE SOCIETY? DOES THE SOCIETY
HOLD AUCTIONS OF MEDALS?

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AS THE FIELD OF RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS
AND MEDALS IS QUITE LARGE, I HAVE NOT TAKEN UP THE
COLLECTING OF COINAGE. TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THIS
PHASE OF NUMISMATICS HAS INTERESTED ME VERY LITTLE,
REALLY ONLY AS A MOST INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE
HOBBY BUT ONE WHICH HAS SO FAR HELD LITTLE APPEAL TO
ME. PERHAPS, AFTER I HAVE COMPLETED MY COLLECTION

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OF MEDALS, I SHALL BEGIN ON COINAGE. AS IT IS, I HAVE PLENTY TO DO IN THE FIELD WHICH I HAVE CHOSEN. I DO HAVE, HOWEVER, THE SILVER RUBLE PIECE STRUCK IN COMMEMORATION OF THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REIGN OF THE ROMANOFF FAMILY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY TO THIS LETTER WITH THE GREATEST INTEREST. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO HAS RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS OR MEDALS FOR SALE, WILL YOU PLEASE SEND ME THEIR ADDRESS SO THAT I MAY COME IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

P.S. I ENCLOSE AN AIR MAIL STAMP FOR YOUR REPLY.

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A LIST OF THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND
MEDALS IN THE COLLECTION OF ALAN.W.HAZELTON OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

THE ORDER OF SAINT VLADIMIR:

SILVER STAR AND GOLD ENAMELLED BADGE OF THE SECOND CLASS
OF THE CIVILIAN BRANCH OF THE ORDER. IN RED PRESENTATION
BOX. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

THE ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE:

GILT BREAST STAR OF THE SECOND CLASS OF THE ORDER, BOUGHT
FROM JOHN R. GAUNT, LTD. OF LONDON.

SECOND CLASS CROSS ALSO BOUGHT FROM J.R.GAUNT.

FIFTH CLASS ENAMELLED CROSS FOR OFFICER. PROBABLY GIVEN
FOR THE TURKISH WAR AS IT IS NOT MODERN IN STYLE. BOUGHT
FROM MESSERS SPINK & SON OF LONDON.

ENAMELLED CROSS OF THE ORDER AS CONFERRED BY ADMIRAL
KOLTCHAK. TYPE I. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

ANOTHER CROSS AS CONFERRED BY KOLTCHAK. TYPE II. BOUGHT
FROM V. TORCHIN.

SOLDIER'S SILVER CROSS OF THE FOURTH CLASS FOR MEN. THIS
CROSS IS NUMBERED 810-187. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

ANOTHER SOLDIER'S SILVER CROSS OF THE FOURTH CLASS. THIS
CROSS IS NUMBERED 102-031. BOUGHT FROM MESSERS SPINK &
SON OF LONDON.

SILVER CROSS FOR SOLDIERS. NOT NUMBERED NOR WITH ANY CLASS
NUMBER. I HAVE THREE OF THESE CROSSES BOUGHT FROM V.TORCHIN
THREE SILVER SOLDIERS' MEDALS OF THE ORDER. THESE THREE
MEDALS DIFFER IN SIZE AND HAVE DIFFERENT REVERSES.

THE ORDER OF SAINT ANNA:

FIRST CLASS CROSS AND BADGE OF THE CIVILIAN BRANCH OF THE
ORDER. FROM THE WORKMANSHIP I BELIEVE THIS INSIGNIAE TO
BE OF THE EARLY PART OF THE LAST CENTURY. BOUGHT FROM V.
MANNICK WHO RECEIVED IT FROM HARBIN, MANCHURIA.

STAR OF THE FIRST CLASS OF THE ORDER. MODERN TYPE. BOUGHT
FROM MESSERS SPINK & SONS OF LONDON.

DAMAGED FIRST CLASS BADGE OF THE ORDER (WITHOUT ANY
ORNAMENTATION BETWEEN THE CROSSE OF THE BADGE). BOUGHT
FROM V. MANNICK WHO HAD IT FROM A FRIEND.

BADGE OF THE SECOND CLASS "WITH SWORDS" FOR THE MILITARY
BRANCH. BOUGHT FROM V. MANNICK WHO HAD IT FROM MANCHURIA.

BADGE OF THE SECOND CLASS "WITHOUT SWORDS" FOR THE CIVIL
BRANCH. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

BADGE OF THE THIRD CLASS "WITHOUT SWORDS" FOR THE CIVIL
BRANCH. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

BADGE OF THE THIRD CLASS "WITHOUT SWORDS" FOR THE CIVIL
BRANCH. THIS BADGE IS MADE OF BRONZE AND IS SO MARKED ON
THE REVERSE IN RUSSIAN.

THREE SWORD-KNOTS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ANNA. ALL DIFFERENT

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LIST (CONTINUED):

THE ORDER OF SAINT STANISLAV:

STAR OF THE FIRST CLASS OF THE ORDER. MODERN TYPE.
BOUGHT FROM MESSERS SPINK & SON OF LONDON.

STAR OF THE SECOND CLASS OF THE ORDER. OF A DIFFERENT
SHAPE FROM THAT OF THE FIRST CLASS. THIS STAR WAS VERY
RARELY CONFERRED, BEING AWARDED MOSTLY TO FOREIGNERS.

BOUGHT FROM V. MANNICK WHO HAD IT FROM MANCHURIA.
BADGE OF THE SECOND CLASS OF THE ORDER. THIS BADGE IS
ENAMELLED BLACK INSTEAD OF RED, AND ACCOMPANYS THE
ABOVE SECOND CLASS STAR. BOUGHT FROM THE SAME SOURCE
AS THE STAR.

SECOND CLASS BADGE "WITH SWORDS". MODERN TYPE. BOUGHT
FROM V. TORCHIN.

SECOND CLASS BADGE "WITH SWORDS". MODERN TYPE BUT MADE
IN GILT METAL INSTEAD OF GOLD. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN
WHO HAD CONFERRED IT UPON A FRIEND AT THE ORDER OF
GENERAL SIMEONOFF, THE "WHITE" GENERAL.

CROSS OF THE SECOND CLASS "WITHOUT SWORDS". MODERN TYPE.
BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

CROSS OF THE SECOND CLASS "WITHOUT SWORDS". MODERN TYPE
BOUGHT OF V. TORCHIN WITH THE SAME EXPLANATION AS FOR
THE SECOND CLASS CROSS "WITH SWORDS" AND OF GILT METAL.

BADGE OF THE THIRD CLASS "WITHOUT SWORDS". MODERN TYPE.
ENAMELLED ON BOTH SIDES INSTEAD OF ON THE OBVERS ONLY.
BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN.

A GROUP OF TWO ORDERS AND FIVE MEDALS, FORMERLY THE
PROPERTY OF AN OFFICER. BOUGHT FROM V. TORCHIN. THEY
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BADGE OF THE THIRD CLASS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ANNA. CIVILIAN BRANCH.

BADGE OF THE THIRD CLASS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT STANISLAV
CIVILIAN BRANCH.

SILVER MEDAL FOR 1881-1894.

BRONZE BOXER MEDAL FOR 1900-1901.

BRONZE MEDAL FOR 1904-1905.

BRONZE MEDAL FOR 300th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROMANOFF
DYNASTY.

GILT MEDAL WITH GILT CHAIN OF THE PREOBRAJENSKY GUARD
REGIMENT.

THE ABOVE ORDERS AND MEDALS ARE MOUNTED ON THE ORIGINAL
BAR AS I BOUGHT THEM FROM V. MANNICK.

VARIOUS MEDALS:

SILVER MEDAL FOR THE DEFENSE OF SEBASTOPOL, SEPTEMBER 13,
1854 TO AUGUST 28, 1855.

SMALL SILVER MEDAL FOR THE CORONATION AT MOSCOW, 1885.

LARGER BRONZE MEDAL FOR THE CORONATION AT MOSCOW, 1885,
WITH RED RIBBON.

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LIST (CONTINUED):

SILVER MEDAL FOR 1881-1894. WITH RED RIBBON.
SILVER MEDAL STRUCK BY THE FRENCH FOR THE RUSSIAN FLEET
VISITING TOULON, OCTOBER 1893.
BRONZE MEDAL FOR THE BOXER REBELLION.
BRONZE MEDAL FOR THE JAPANESE WAR.
SILVER RED CROSS MEDAL FOR NURSES, JAPANESE WAR.
SILVER MEDAL "FOR ZEAL" NICOLAS II.
SWORD-KNOT OF THE ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE.

March 8th. 1930

Mr. Allan W. Hazelton
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Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th, please accept our thanks for your prompt return of the application card. As an Associate Member of the Society, you will receive its publications in monograph form, - usually three to five during the year.

The list of your Russian orders is very interesting. I believe it is more extensive than that owned by our Museum, and I doubt that we have any duplicates that would be of interest to you. We have, however, left in our care, a collection of what appear to be badges of Russian regiments. These are very ornate in workmanship, but I fear they are outside of the scope of your field of collection. They were gathered by one of our members who desires to sell them and who would, I believe, accept an offer of \$150. for the two hundred comprised in the group. If you are interested in looking into this collection further, please advise me.

Will you let me know the books that you have used? Most of the books on decoration are rather unsatisfactory when it comes to those relating to Russia. I shall communicate with Mr. Gillingham who is the chairman of our Committee on Decorations, and it is possible that he may be able to give you further information which will be of value to you.

Please pardon the delay in responding to your letter. I hope to write again shortly.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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MARCH 12th, 1930.

SIDNEY P. NOE, ESQUIRE,
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

YOUR LETTER OF MARCH THE EIGHTH ARRIVED YESTERDAY. FROM THE FIRST PARAGRAPH I TAKE IT THAT MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN FAVOURABLY ACTED UPON. WILL YOU SEND ME A STATEMENT OF MY YEARLY DUES, OR SHOULD I SEND THEM ON AT ONCE? I LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO RECEIVING THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS.

THE COLLECTION OF REGIMENTAL BADGES SOUNDS MOST INTERESTING. I HAVE SEVERAL WHICH WERE GIVEN ME BY FRIENDS. HOWEVER, I DO NOT FEEL THAT I WISH TO BUY THE COLLECTION WHICH HAS BEEN LEFT WITH YOU. FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS WILL BUY THE COLLAR OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW WHEN IT NEXT APPEARS FOR SALE AND I WOULD RATHER HAVE THAT THAN THE COLLECTION OF BADGES. THANK YOU FOR CALLING IT TO MY ATTENTION.

AS TO MY COLLECTION: I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE LARGEST INDIVIDUAL COLLECTION OF RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS IN THIS COUNTRY. ONE OR TWO ENGLISH DEALERS HAVE LARGER COLLECTIONS, I KNOW, BUT I KNOW OF NO AMERICAN DEALER WHO HAS SO MANY AS I. IN ADDITION, EACH ITEM IN MY COLLECTION IS IN FINE CONDITION WHICH IS IMPORTANT.

I HAVE, OF COURSE, USED THE COMMON BOOKS ON ORDERS DECORATIONS AND MEDALS BUT HAVE FOUND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RUSSIAN DECORATIONS FROM "ORDENA IMPERATORSKY Y CZARSKY RUSSYSKY", A BOOK PUBLISHED IN ST. PETERSBURG BEFORE THE WAR. IT IS IN RUSSIAN AND HAS A COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THE RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNER OF WEARING THEM AND FINE COLOURED ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE BADGES AND INSIGNIAS OF ORDERS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY AUTHORITATIVE BOOK ON IMPERIAL RUSSIAN ORDERS. I HAVE HAD BOOK DEALERS IN EUROPE AND THIS COUNTRY LOOKING FOR OTHER BOOKS BUT WITH NO SUCCESS. I BELIEVE THAT I CAN SECURE A COPY OF THIS BOOK FOR YOU IF YOU CARE TO HAVE IT. I THINK IT WILL COST ABOUT SEVENTEEN (\$17.00) DOLLARS BUT OF THIS I AM NOT CERTAIN: IT MAY BE A BIT MORE EXPENSIVE OR CHEAPER. OF COURSE, IT IS IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. TOGETHER WITH MY WIFE, WHO IS A RUSSIAN, I AM MAKING A TRANSLATION OF THIS BOOK FOR MY OWN USE. DO YOU THINK THAT A PUBLISHED EDITION OF THIS TRANSLATION WOULD HAVE ANY KIND OF A SALE? I WAS THINKING OF PUBLISHING A LIMITED EDITION OF IT WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS.

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I SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE EXPENSES OF PUBLICATION BUT DO NOT CARE ABOUT A PROFIT. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE THE SUCCESS OF AN EDITION OF ONE HUNDRED COPIES PRINTED ON GOOD PAPER AND BOUND WITH PAPER COVER? I CAN HAVE THE PAPER FOR NOTHING FROM MY UNCLE WHO MAKES FINE PAPERS AND ALL IT WILL COST ME WILL BE FOR THE PRINTING AND THE BINDING. I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OPINION ON THIS MATTER.

I SHALL BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR FROM MR. GILLINGHAM. I HOPE THAT HE CAN GIVE ME SOME FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE KOLTCHAK ST. GEORGE'S CROSSES.

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

Mar. 19, 1930.

Alan W. Hazelton, Esq.,

1343 Warner Ave.,

Westwood, Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:-

Your letter of March 18th is at hand, and a formal notification of your election accompanies this letter. I note that you are not interested in the collection of Regimental badges. I trust that you will have heard from Mr. Millingham, the Chairman of our Committee on decorations by this time.

What you write about the volume in Russian on Russian decorations, interests me very much. We should be glad to have you secure a copy for us at the price you indicate. Would the translation of which you speak be available for publication in our monograph form? I believe you already have a copy of one of Mr. Millingham's issues - if not, I will send you one on receipt of your reply. I believe that such a translation, supplemented in so far as might be, with material instituted since 1914, with notes which you would be in a position to add, might serve a very useful purpose. Subject to an examination of your translation, I believe this Society might consider the publication in our monograph form, provided you would agree to take 100 copies at a price to be agreed upon, as you suggest in your letter.

You ask my opinion about an independent publication of your translation, and whether I consider that it would 'pay its way.' The cost of illustration is the heaviest item, and I fear that this would be prohibitive. I doubt that it would be successful financially.

I shall await your reply with interest.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

March 18, 1930

Alan T. Hazelton, Esq.
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Dear Sir:

It gives me special pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of the American Numismatic Society, held on March 11th, you were unanimously elected to Associate Membership, on the proposal made by Mr. Percy W. Moore.

Please be sure that we shall be happy to be of service in any possible way.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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MARCH 24th, 1930.

DEAR SIR:

LAST WEEK I HAD A VERY FRIENDLY AND INTERESTING LETTER FROM MR. GILLINGHAM, IN WHICH HE ASKED ME SEVERAL QUESTIONS AND ENCLOSED A LIST OF HIS RUSSIAN DECORATIONS AND MEDALS. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING MY LETTER TO HIM AS I HOPE THAT WE SHALL HAVE A PLEASANT CORRESPONDENCE.

I AM COMING ALONG NICELY WITH MY BOOK ON RUSSIAN ORDERS AND SHOULD HAVE IT VERY NEARLY COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. I HOPE TO HAVE SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION REGARDING RUSSIAN MEDALS WHICH I CAN INCLUDE IN A SEPARATE CHAPTER. THIS INFORMATION I HOPE TO HAVE FROM A RUSSIAN COLONEL OF THE FORMER IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF WHO NOW LIVES IN NEW YORK. HE IS A WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA ON THINGS RUSSIAN AND REMEMBERS EVEN THE NAME OF THOSE AWARDED THE HIGHEST CLASSES OF THE IMPERIAL ORDERS. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS A DOORMAN FOR SOME BUILDING IN NEW YORK. I EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. I FEEL CERTAIN HE CAN GIVE ME MUCH INTERESTING INFORMATION.

I NOW COME TO A RATHER DELICATE SUBJECT. WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE SOCIETY TOWARDS MEMBERS WHO OFFER DECORATIONS AND MEDALS FOR SALE TO OTHER MEMBERS? THE REASON I ASK IS THAT ONE OF MY FRIENDS RECEIVES DECORATIONS AND MEDALS FROM EUROPE AND CAN SELL THEM AT MUCH MORE REASONABLE PRICES THAN ENGLISH DEALERS. THAT IS, HE CAN USUALLY DO THIS AS HIS SISTER CUSTOMARILY BUYS THEM AT VERY GOOD PRICES. IF THE SOCIETY DOES NOT OBJECT, I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER THEM TO MEMBERS FOR SALE AT A PRICE, IN MOST CASES, VERY ATTRACTIVE. I SHOULD MAKE A SMALL PROFIT ON THEM WHICH WOULD ALLOW ME TO ADD TO MY COLLECTION MORE OFTEN AND WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO THEM BECAUSE, EVEN, WITH MY PROFIT, THEY WOULD BE ABLE, IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES, TO BUY AT SLIGHTLY LOWER PRICES. I PLAN, WITH YOUR APPROVAL, TO OFFER MEMBERS THE RIGHT OF HAVING SUCH ITEMS AS THEY WISH SENT TO THEM ON APPROVAL. THEY WILL THEN BE ABLE TO JUDGE THEM AT FIRST HAND. IF YOU APPROVE OF THIS, WILL YOU BE SO KIND AS TO SEND ME A LIST OF THE MEMBERS COLLECTING DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR ADDRESSES. SHOULD YOU DISAPPROVE OF THIS PLAN, I SHALL NOT, OF COURSE, GO FURTHER WITH IT. IT SEEMS TO ME A GOOD ONE, HOWEVER, AS IT WOULD PERMIT MEMBERS TO SECURE, IN MOST CASES, SOME VERY FINE SPECIMENS FOR A FRACTION OF THEIR VALUE. THE LAST GROUP HE RECEIVED FROM VIENNA SOLD FOR ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THEIR VALUE ACCORDING TO SPINKS & SON.

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I DO NOT WANT YOU TO THINK THAT I JOINED THE SOCIETY IN ORDER TO SECURE A MARKET FOR ANY DECORATIONS AND MEDALS I HAVE FOR SALE. I JOINED BECAUSE OF A GREAT INTEREST IN MY COLLECTING AND IN ALL DECORATIONS AND MEDALS. THIS IDEA IS ONE WHICH HAS OCCURED TO ME BECAUSE OF ITS ATTRACTIVE POINT REGARDING PRICE. I HAVE BOUGHT FROM THIS FRIEND AT VARIOUS TIMES AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO BETTER OTHER PRICES QUOTED AND YET SECURE FINE SPECIMENS. I SHALL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR REACTION TO THIS PLAN.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A LIST OF THE RUSSIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS IN THE SOCIETY MUSEUM? I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS AS I MAY WISH TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS MADE OF THOSE ITEMS IN THE MUSEUM NOT IN MY COLLECTION AND NOT AVAILABLE HERE.

I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT THE BOOK ON RUSSIAN DECORATIONS BUT AS YET HAVE HAD NO REPLY. AS SOON AS I HEAR FROM THE GENTLEMAN, I SHALL LET YOU KNOW VIA AIR MAIL. IF YOU WISH TO BUY THE BOOK AT THE PRICE HE QUOTES, LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT I MAY GET IT FROM HIM. I SHALL PAY FOR IT AND YOU CAN REPAY ME WHEN IT REACHES YOU. THIS, I BELIEVE, IS THE BEST WAY IN WHICH TO HANDLE THIS.

I ENCLOSE AN AIR MAIL STAMP FOR YOUR REPLY.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

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MARCH 26th, 1930.

SYDNEY P. NOE, ESQUIRE, SECY.,
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR MR. NOE:

YOUR NICE LETTER OF THE NINETEENTH OF MARCH, TOGETHER WITH THE ENCLOSED FORMAL NOTICE OF MY ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY AND THE DUES NOTIFICATION, ARRIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO; BUT, DUE TO ITS BEING PLACED TO ONE SIDE BY MY WIFE, I DID NOT RECEIVE IT UNTIL TODAY. PLEASE PARDON THE DELAY IN ANSWERING IT AND IN ENCLOSING MY CHEQUE FOR DUES. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS.

I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT THE BOOK ON RUSSIAN ORDERS AND HOPE TO HAVE A REPLY SOON. AS SOON AS I RECEIVE IT I SHALL SEND IT ON TO YOU. REGARDING THE TRANSLATION, I SHALL FINISH IT AND SEND ON A CARBON COPY FOR YOU TO READ, THEN YOU CAN JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT THE SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE IT AS A MONOGRAPH. IF SO, WE CAN THEN POSSIBLY GET TOGETHER AND ARRANGE THIS. I HAD IN MIND TO ILLUSTRATE MY ARTICLE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS.

I HAD A VERY NICE LETTER FROM MR. GILLINGHAM BUT NO MONOGRAPH. I SHOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE ONE IF YOU CAN SPARE IT.

DOES THE MUSEUM HAVE A COPY OF THE MEDALLION ISSUED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME OF THE BURIAL OF THE BRITISH UNKNOWN SOLDIER? IF NOT, I SHALL LOOK AROUND FOR MY COPY AND SEND IT ON TO YOU TO BE GIVEN TO THE MUSEUM. I HOPE THAT I CAN FIND IT AND AM REASONABLY SURE THAT I CAN. WHEN WE MOVED TO THIS HOUSE, I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AND AS A RESULT AM NOW MAKING HAPPY AND INTERESTING DISCOVERIES OF MY POSSESSIONS.

WILL YOU OVERLOOK MY IGNORANCE AND TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "FELLOW" AND AN "ASSOCIATE MEMBER" OF THE SOCIETY? I SHOULD REALLY LIKE TO KNOW. THE DICTIONARY EXPLANATION IS NOT QUITE CLEAR. ARE THEY SYNONYMOUS?

I HOPE TO HAVE MY STORY OF RUSSIAN ORDERS COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND SHALL SEND IT ON TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETED. UNTIL THEN, I SHALL BE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

March 27, 1930

Alan W. Hazelton
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California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 24th is at hand. I am interested in that you write regarding your book.

With regard to your question about offering decorations for sale to other members, I should like to have you raise this question with Mr. Gillingham, who is chairman of the Committee on Decoration, and who would be in a position to give you a definite answer. If, as I presume will be the case, he sees no objection to your offering the medals under the plan you outline, we can give you the names of any of our members who might be interested.

I shall refer your letter to our Curator and ask him to send you a list of the Russian Decorations in our Museum. I note that you have written about the book on Russian Decorations, and I shall await further advice regarding this.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



5 April 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton,
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles,
California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:-

Mr. Noe, our Secretary, has written me of your desire to communicate with some of our members, with the idea of giving them an opportunity to purchase some duplicate Russian Medals and Decorations. And has also asked my approval of your plan.

If you secure a list of our members who might be able to buy them or who are interested in the subject, and if you make the offer to them, simply as collectors, I see no objection thereto. And on that score willingly give my consent. I do think it would be a little out of order to solicit sales, because you are a member of the A.N.S. And that I understand you do not propose to do.

Wishing you success in the matter, I am,

Cordially yours,

Chairman,
Committee on War-Medals & Decorations.

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WESTWOOD, LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

APRIL 18th, 1930.

DEAR MR. NOE:

I HAVE CORRESPONDED WITH MR. GILLINGHAM AND LAST WEEK HE GAVE ME HIS OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO OFFER FOR SALE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY CERTAIN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS WHICH I MAY RECEIVE FROM TIME TO TIME. I HAVE WRITTEN HIM AND SENT HIM A COPY OF THE LETTER I PLAN TO SEND OUT TO THE MEMBERS, AND AWAIT HIS APPROVAL OF THIS LETTER.

WILL YOU, SIR, KINDLY SEND ME A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY WHO COLLECT ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND WAR MEDALS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND, IF POSSIBLE, THEIR SPECIALTY? I SHALL GREATLY APPRECIATE THIS COURTESY.

I HAVE HAD FROM MR. WOOD A LIST OF THE RUSSIAN ITEMS IN THE MUSEUM OF THE SOCIETY, AND CERTAINLY FIND IT INTERESTING. RECENTLY I HAVE ADDED TO MY COLLECTION ABOUT SIXTEEN RUSSIAN MEDALS. I SHALL MAKE A LIST OF THEM WHICH CAN BE ADDED TO THE LIST YOU HAVE ALREADY.

THE WORK ON MY MONOGRAPH COMES ALONG SLOWLY BUT SPLENDIDLY. I HAVE ALREADY TYPED OUT THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ALEXANDER-NEVSKY AND THE ORDER OF THE WHITE EAGLE. THIS WEEK-END, I EXPECT TO PREPARE THE HISTORIES OF THE ORDER OF SAINT STANISLAV AND THE ORDER OF SAINT ANNA. I SHALL FORWARD TO YOU A TOP CARBON COPY OF EACH OF THESE. THEY SHALL ALL BE ON THE SAME KIND OF PAPER AND CAN ALL BE FITTED INTO THE SAME LOOSE-LEAF NOTEBOOK. AS SOON AS I FINISH THE TRANSLATION & (WHICH WILL BE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, I BELIEVE), I SHALL HAVE MY COLLECTION PHOTOGRAPHED AND SHALL SEND YOU ONE OF EACH OF THE PHOTOS MOUNTED ON THE SAME PAPER; I SHALL ALSO ASK YOU TO PHOTOGRAPH CERTAIN ITEMS FROM THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION. AFTER ALL THIS IS DONE, WE SHALL DISCUSS THE MATTER OF PUBLICATION.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

MR. GILLINGHAM HAS SENT ME BOUND COPIES OF HIS MONOGRAPHS ON THE FRENCH COLONIAL DECORATIONS; THE ITALIAN ORDERS; THE SPANISH ORDERS; AND HIS PAPER ON THE COLONIAL AND EARLY AMERICAN MEDALS. THEY ARE MOST INTERESTING AND VALUABLE ADDITIONS TO MY COLLECTION OF BOOKS ON MEDALS.

April 22, 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter of the 18th is at hand and I would also acknowledge receipt of a copy of the book on Russian decorations concerning which we have been corresponding. The title page bears the notation \$15.00. Will you please confirm this figure if it is correct and advise me whether the amount should be sent to you or elsewhere. I am very glad to have the publication for our library. I note what you say regarding correspondence with Mr. Billingham, and with regard to the progress of the work of translation. We shall be glad to photograph the Society's medals which you need.

Awaiting further word from you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

June 3, 1930

Alan W. Hazelton, Esq.
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Something over two weeks ago I wrote asking you if fifteen dollars was the correct price for the copy of the book on Russian Decorations which you sent us. This amount was pencilled on the title page of the volume. I have not received a response from you and must assume that the letter has gone astray. Under the circumstances I am sending to our bank instructions to send a cheque to you for fifteen dollars. If this is incorrect, will you please inform me, so that I can send you whatever difference there may be.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

MAY 19th, 1888.

MR. SIDNEY P. NOE,
AMERICAN WHOLESALE DEALER,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR MR. NOE:

SINCE I RETURNED HOME FROM NEW YORK I HAVE BEEN
ONE OF YOURS SEVERAL TIMES AND HAVE NOT YET HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY OF WRITING YOU. I SHALL BE AT THE ABOVE
ADDRESS UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE, WHEN I SHALL
RETURN TO CALIFORNIA. UNTIL THEN, PLEASE WRITE ME AT
THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOUR DEAR FRIEND, I AM SENDING YOU TODAY THE
ENCLOSURE I HAVE WRITTEN OF THE FOLLOWING RUSSIAN COINS:
NAMESLY, "ONE COIN OF ST. ALEXANDER-NEVSKY", "ONE COIN OF
OF THE WHITE EAGLE", "THE COIN OF SAINT ANDREW", AND THE
"COIN OF ST. DEMETRIY". I WISH YOU WOULD SEND THEM
AND RETURN ME AT LENGTH WHAT YOU THINK OF THEM AND ANY
SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT SUGGEST. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE
CHANGE ALSO. I HAVE WRITTEN ST. MOOS TODAY AND HAVE
ASKED HIM TO IN REPLY THESE COINS AND GIVE ME HIS
OPINION. THE FINAL CHECKS I SHALL SEND YOU FOR THE
MONOGRAPHS WILL HAVE NOTES FOR REFERENCES AND "NOTES".

IT IS MY INTENTION TO WRITE AN EVENING CHAPTER
GIVING A GENERAL HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN COINS FROM THE
TIME OF PETER THE GREAT TO THE FALL OF THE Czar
GOVERNMENT. IN THIS CHAPTER I SHALL DESCRIBE WITH THINGS
AS THE CHANGE FROM THE EAGLE WITH THE WINGS DOWN TO THE
ONE WITH THE WINGS UP; I SHALL GIVE A LIST OF THE RUSSIAN
COINS FROM PETER THE GREAT TO NIKOLAI II WITH THE
DATES OF THEIR ISSUES; AND I SHALL HAVE A FEW WORDS TO
SAY RELATIVE TO THOSE TO WHOM THEY WERE ASSIGNED THE COIN
OF ST. ANDREW AND THE FIRST TWO CLASSES OF THE COIN OF
SAINT GEORGE, GIVING SOME GENERAL I HAVE JUSTIFYING
REASON. BUT TO INCLUDE THESE COINS AS A
GENERAL HISTORY. THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE IN THE
OF THE RUSSIAN COINS. LASTLY, I HOPE YOU HAVE ENOUGH
INFORMATION SO THAT I CAN WRITE A SEPARATE MONOGRAPH ON
RUSSIAN COINS AND IMPERIALS. I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS
ENOUGH DATA IN EACH COUNTRY TO WRITE A SEPARATE BOOK FOR
EACH. AS TO THE STATUTES OF THE COINS, I HAVE ALL THE
TIME TO OF THIS YEAR THIS PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE
WILL HAVE TO WRITE YOU LATER ABOUT THIS. IN MEANING EVEN THAT
I HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE
GIVEN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS TO. IN LONDON I WAS IN
HIS BOOK. IN LONDON, ADDITIONAL TO THE RELATIVE TO THE
STATUTES IS INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT TO IN FURNISHING
COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THE COINS, AND, JUDGING FROM THE

MR. CHURCHMAN: HAZELTON

102 CONGRESS STREET
BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

FROM BY MR. GILLIAM, WITH DETAILED INFORMATION IS
NOT NECESSARY. I HAVE COMPLETED THE WORK IN THE ACCOUNT
OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ALEXANDER-NEVSKY AND FIND THAT
THERE ARE 600 WORDS, INCLUDING ALL "AS", "AND", AND SUCH
ARTICLES AND WORDS. AS THE ACTIVITY OF THE OTHER ORDERS
NOTIFY ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF PAPER I IMAGINE THAT,
ORDINARILY, THERE ARE ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN HUNDRED WORDS FOR
EACH OF THE ORDERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ORDER OF
SAINT GEORGE, WHICH WILL REQUIRE MORE WORDS. AS THERE ARE
NINE ORDERS TO WRITE ABOUT (AND POSSIBLY A TENTH IF I
INCLUDE THE ORDER OF MALTA WHICH WAS CONFIRMED BY THE
EMPEROR PAUL II) WE CAN ROUGHLY FIGURE ON A TOTAL OF ABOUT
SIXTY-FIVE TO SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND WORDS. THIS ESTIMATE
IS PURELY A GUESS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF WORDS IN ONE
ANOTHER. WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE, YOU CAN PROBABLY MAKE A
BETTER GUESS THAN I. I HAVE FORGOTTEN TO INCLUDE THE
DATA OF THE MEDALS OF THE ORDER OF ST. ANNA, ST. STANISLAV;
AND THE CROSSES AND MEDALS OF THE ORDER OF ST. GEORGE.
THERE WILL ADD A GREAT MANY WORDS TO THE ACCOUNT. I SHALL
TRY TO GET SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE
ORDER OF MALTA IN RUSSIA AND SHALL INCLUDE AN ACCOUNT OF
THIS ORDER IN PASSAGE. IN THIS WAY, WITH THE ILLUSTRATIONS,
THE FIRST CHAPTER (IN PREFACE), THE INDEX, THE NOTES, AND
THE BIBLIOGRAPHY I BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH
MATERIAL SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A MONOGRAPH ABOUT THE ORDERS
ONLY. IT WILL TAKE NO WHOLLY LONG TIME TO GET AUTHENTICATIVE
INFORMATION REGARDING RUSSIAN MEDALS SO THAT I DO NOT
HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL I HAVE COMPLETED MY RESEARCHES ON THIS
PARTICULAR SUBJECT.

EVERY DEARER COVER I HAVE SENT IN. WHO HAS
BEING, CASES OF PARTS OF MEDALS, AND SOME NEW AND
INTERESTING COIN CATALOGUES. I HAVE TOLD HIM TO KEEP
ANYTHING HE THINKS ARE TO SEND THE MONOGRAPH BACK TO ME.
HOWEVER, SHOULD YOU KNOW OF SOME ONE WHO IS BEGINNING TO
COLLECT COINS, YOU MAY GIVE TO HIM ANY THAT THE MUSEUM
DOES NOT CARE TO HAVE BACK. THE RUSSIAN COINS, I SHOULD
LIKE TO HAVE BACK ANY OF THEM THE MUSEUM DOES NOT WISH TO
KEEP.

I WISH TO BE IN NEW YORK THE LATTER PART OF JULY
AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN.

Sincerely yours,
Alan W. Hazelton.

July 18, 1936.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton,

102 Cambridge St., Bradford, Penna.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:-

Please pardon the delay in responding to your letter - Mr. Good and I have been reading the notes which you sent, and at last I am ready to send you our comment. Mr. Good's opinion was in no detail - mine is in detail.

I take it that this is anticipatory translation - if so, some of our suggestions will be out of order. In general, the examples seem to me very satisfactory. I would not let the circumstances that they are before Mr. Williamson's eyes carry weight - to have this would mean a loss of individuality and a crowding of style. It seems to me that some of the words you did use, however, while possibly slightly correct as translations, did not have satisfactory sound words. I have avoided in detail. In future sheets, I should recommend similar-sounding - it simplifies confusion as a translation. A further caution seems fitting - beware of sentences having too great length. I am interested and in the direction. Also, do you not think it might be well to give the new style earlier in a note whenever the old style is cited?

Is there any possibility that Toland might receive either of the two copies of the Specimens of the White Eagle?

Thank you very much for the pamphlet you sent for the library in the package addressed to Mr. Good. I am glad you will be in the last part of this month, and will meet you very soon. I plan to be away on Tuesday and Wednesday during July and August - both Mr. Good and I are here on Thursdays. I should like to give you information in the event that these days are available for you. I am glad to hear that you are in the office and in the office, but if there are any that require decision before you can be seen, please do not hesitate to write me again.

Very cordially yours,

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102 CONGRESS STREET
BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

AUGUST 8th, 1930.

MR. HOWLAND WOOD,
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
BROADWAY AT 156th STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

MY DEAR MR. WOOD:

A COUSIN OF MINE HAS GIVEN ME SOME COINS WHICH HE TELLS ME ARE EGYPTIAN AND ROMAN AND WHICH WERE DUG UP IN EGYPT BY HIS FATHER, MY GREAT UNCLE. WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE TRULY ROMAN AND EGYPTIAN I DO NOT KNOW. THEY ARE ALL COPPER AND MANY OF THEM ARE CORRODED OR ERASED. THERE ARE ABOUT TWENTY IN ALL. I AM SENDING YOU A FEW OF THESE UNDER SEPARATE COVER. WILL YOU PLEASE LOOK AT THEM AND TELL ME WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT THEIR APPROXIMATE VALUE IS; I.E. THE AMOUNT I MIGHT GET FOR THEM IF I SOLD THEM. ALSO, LET ME KNOW IF THE MUSEUM WOULD LIKE ANY OF THEM.

IF I CAN GET TWENTY-FIVE OR THIRTY DOLLARS AT THE LEAST FOR THEM I SHOULD LIKE TO SELL THEM AND USE THE MONEY FOR BUYING RUSSIAN ORDERS OR MEDALS. HOWEVER, IF THE MUSEUM WISHES ANY OF THEM I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO GIVE THE MUSEUM A FEW OF THEM. PROBABLY THESE COINS HAVE LITTLE OR NO VALUE AND I CANNOT COUNT ON SELLING THEM. IF IT IS WORTH WHILE TO MARKET THEM, WILL YOU PLEASE GIVE ME A FEW ADDRESSES OF RELIABLE DEALERS WHO MIGHT CARE TO BUY THEM?

I HAVE BEEN DELAYED HERE FOR SOME WEEKS LONGER AND PROBABLY CANNOT GET AWAY MUCH BEFORE THE TWENTY-FIRST OF THIS MONTH. I AM AFRAID THAT I CANNOT GET DOWN TO NEW YORK AGAIN THIS TRIP BUT MUST WAIT UNTIL I COME EAST THE NEXT TIME. I HAD HOPED TO SEE YOU AND MR. NOE AGAIN BUT I AM AFRAID I SHALL HAVE TO DELAY THIS PLEASURE.

I RECEIVED THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE MONOGRAPH I AM WRITING AND THANK YOU BOTH FOR THE CORRECTIONS. I HAD A HARD TIME TO REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS I SHOULD INCLUDE IN THE ACCOUNTS BUT SHALL TRY MAKING A SCHEDULE AND FOLLOWING THAT IN EACH CASE. I WANT TO GET THE BOOK ON THE STATUTES TRANSLATED SO THAT I CAN FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT TO INCLUDE MUCH OF THAT KIND OF MATERIAL IN THE MONOGRAPH. I SHALL SEND YOU A COPY OF THE TRANSLATIONS OF THE STATUTES OF ONE OF THE ORDERS AND YOU CAN GIVE ME YOUR ADVICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT I SHOULD INCLUDE THE MATERIAL CONTAINED THEREIN. I AM AFRAID OF HAVING TOO MUCH AUTHENTIC MATERIAL RATHER THAN NOT ENOUGH, AND OF NOT RECOGNIZING JUST WHAT SHOULD BE PUT IN AND WHAT I SHOULD EXCLUDE.

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 102 CONGRESS STREET
 BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

IT LOOKS NOW AS THOUGH I SHALL BE SOME TIME AT THIS AND
 SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A COMPLETED MANUSCRIPT
 MUCH BEFORE SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. I REALLY WANT MY
 MONOGRAPH TO BE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT AND TO BE LOOKED UPON
 AS AN AUTHORITATIVE WORK ON THIS SUBJECT. WHAT DO YOU
 THINK OF INCLUDING EXCERPTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
 PHARAGRAPHS OF THE STATUTES AT THE END OF THE HISTORICAL
 ACCOUNT OF EACH ORDER AND FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTER
 THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE INSIGNIA AND WHAT NOTES I HAVE TO
 OFFER FOR MY OWN PART? ALSO, YOU NOTE IN YOUR CRITISIM
 THAT I SHOULD GIVE THE DIMENSIONS OF EACH OF THE INSIGNIA.
 THIS LEADS TO SOME CONFUSION AS THE OLDER BADGES OF THE
 THIRD CLASSES AND OF THE FOURTH CLASS (WHEN SUCH A CLASS
 EXISTS) WERE ~~BETTER~~ APPARENTLY QUITE A BIT SMALLER THAN
 THE BADGES OF OUR TIMES. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ME TO SECURE
 THE MEASURMENTS OF SOME OF THE OLDER BADGES BUT NOT OF ALL
 OF THEM. SHALL I QUOTE ONLY THE SIZES OF THE MODERN
 BADGES OR SHALL I ALSO GIVE WHAT DATA I CAN ON THE
 MEASURMENTS OF THE OLDER ONES? FROM TIME TO TIME I SHALL
 WANT ADVICE ON CERTAIN THINGS THAT WILL CROP UP AND SHALL
 CALL UPON YOU, IF I MAY, FOR YOUR OPINION.

IN THE PACKET WITH THE COINS I AM ALSO INCLUDING ONE
 ON THE MEDALLION CASTS WHICH I HAVE JUST FOUND.

PLEASE GIVE MY KINDEST REGARDS TO MR NOE. HOPING TO
 HEAR FROM YOU SOON, I AM,

MOST SINCERELY YOURS,

Alan W. Hazelton

P.S. I AM ALSO INCLUDING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A TURKISH
 COIN. IF THE MUSEUM WISHES IT, PLEASE KEEP IT. OTHERWISE,
 THERE MAY BE SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT.

IF THERE IS ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY WHO
 COLLECTS WAR MEDALS AND ORDERS WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME
 HAVE HIS NAME AND ADDRESS SO THAT I COULD WRITE HIM TO
 ENQUIRE ABOUT HIS RUSSIAN ORDERS OR MEDALS. AT THE SAME
 TIME AS I AM WORKING ON THIS MONOGRAPH, I AM GATHERING
 ALL THE DATA I CAN FOR A FUTURE MONOGRAPH ON THE
 RUSSIAN WAR MEDALS AND OTHER MEDALS WHICH WERE WORN BY
 THE MILITARY AND CIVILIANS BOTH. THERE IS ENOUGH ON THIS
 SUBJECT ALONE TO MAKE UP A MONOGRAPH.

9/1/30

PPS. I HAVE BEEN ILL EVER SINCE I WROTE THIS AND HAVE NOT
 BEEN ABLE TO SEND IT. TODAY I MAILED THE PACKAGE. WE
 LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW AND I SHALL BE
 HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU WHEN WE GET THERE.

A. W. Hazelton.

Sept. 4, 1930

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1543 Warner Ave.
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter written August 8th and mailed on September 1st, addressed to Mr. Wood, has by him been referred to me for reply. We are sorry to learn of your illness, and also sorry that it was not possible for you to return to New York before leaving for California. The package concerning which you write has not yet reached us but Mr. Wood will respond regarding this as soon as it does.

I note what you say regarding your manuscript and I think your questions regarding the statutes will be cleared up when you have had the translation made. Certainly we shall be in a better position to be definite after you have sent us a part of this translation of the statutes. I do not see any objection, however, to placing excerpts from the statutes at the end of the sections concerned with the respective decorations, your own additions being made in the form of foot-notes which could be printed at the bottom of the page of text.

With regard to the dimensions of the decoration, you should be the best judge, and the only suggestion I should make under the circumstances is that full information on this score is more desirable than partial information. It would seem to me that it might be best to give dimensions wherever you can, and certainly if you state that this is being done you can hardly be criticized for what it has been impossible for you to obtain.

The only collector of insignia who is likely to have any Russian decorations, so far as I know, is Mr. Carleton S. Gifford, 340 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass., who was formerly a member of the Society but who resigned in a huff several years ago. If you write to him, therefore, it might be well for you not to suggest that you are doing so at my instigation. If either Mr. Wood or I can be of aid to you please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

March 11, 1931

Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
Westwood, Los Angeles
California

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

I am enclosing a rubbing of a brass medal which I think refers to the Caucasus. Can you tell me what it is? On the blue card is a word which I wonder whether you can also telling me the meaning of. It is on a Serbian decoration.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

December 1, 1931.

Mr. Allen W. Hazelton
1224 Wilshire Blvd.
West Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Enclosed I am sending your recent check for \$1.00 which apparently has gotten tangled in red tape at your bank. You will note that the reason given on the attached slip is "Order to honor" and as I am unable to understand the meaning of this. Unfoll probability it is a case of clerical stupidity so common. Regretting that it is necessary to trouble you about the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

BN:JC

Secretary

ALAN W. HAZELTON
1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

December 31st, 1931.

Mr Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I am beginning to put in shape my translations of the Russian military medals. I am by no means ready to write the manuscript as I lack a great amount of data. However, in working with the translations I feel that I must have a plan for a manuscript before me so that I may be certain to follow in each case a well-thought out system. I therefore would like to have your advise on the system I have worked out . It is as follows:--

PREFACE----Credit and thanks to those who have assisted me. b) titles of Russian books from which most of my material has been drawn.

INTRODUCTION:--- The great number conferred and the resultant confusion. b) The customary titles and the difficulty of translating the abbreviations as they appear on the medals, This also applies to dates and inscriptions. as you doubtless know the date is often give as follows:- "I July 21st day 1770 year"; sometimes the abbreviation of the word "year" is used, this is impossible to translate. c) Other customs regarding the medals.

MEDALS:--a) By reign and in sequence of dates. b) history of each reign as it reflects on the medals. c) Date of establishment of each medal where known. d) History of the events leading up to the conferring of establishment of the medal; description of the ribbon. e) Description of the obverse. f) Description of the reverse. g) Size of the medal. h) Variations. i) General remarks as to each medal, when such remarks are necessary.

I believe that such a plan as I outline above will include everything of interest regarding each medal. I think to depart from the format used by Mr. Gillingham; I wish to list the description of each medal in such a way that a student or collector looking for the description only will not have to wade through a mass of material before he finds the descriptions he wishes.

I should like very much to have your ideas and those of Mr. Wood on this matter. Although it will be a long time before I can submit the manuscript to you, I wish to work in preparation along a set scheme; this will make my preparatory work easier for me.

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

I have been asked to give a talk next Tuesday night before the California Coin Club on the subject of Decorations and War Medals. I am pleased to do this as I hope to be able to raise some interest in this branch of numismatics among the other members of the Club. I shall speak of collecting these objects generally and shall have a number of pieces from my own collection and that of the United Costumers, Inc. with which to illustrate my talk. I must admit that I do not expect to get much response from the members who collect coins, but I may be able to make one or two converts. We meet at the home of a Mrs. McCormick, who is an Associate Member of the A.N.S.

I certainly wish that I lived close enough to New York so that I could visit the Museum at least once a Month. Believe me, this business of being a lone-collector is not as pleasant as being able to talk to other collectors. However, my subject is interesting enough so that I have no difficulty in carrying on.

I shall close now by wishing you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Most sincerely,

Alan Hazelton.

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE

WEST LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

January 6th, 1932.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Enclosed please find five dollars (\$5.00) in currency, which pays my dues up for this year. During the past year I have had a very pleasant correspondence with both you and Mr. Wood and have greatly enjoyed my association with the Society. I look forward to many more years of just such pleasant and valuable contact.

It is a source of deep regret to me that I am unable each year to attend the annual meeting of the Society. However, I hope that sometime I shall have that pleasure.

Last night I gave my talk to the California Coin Club. While I do not flatter myself that it was such a very good talk, yet the members seemed most interested and asked many questions, keeping me talking for about twenty minutes after I had finished my talk. I believe that I have awakened interest in Decorations and War Medals in several of the members. I also was able to talk to several people about numismatics in general and as a result I have the pleasure of proposing the name of Mrs. A.G. McCormick, of 907 West 28th Street, Los Angeles, for membership. If it is necessary to have a formal application please send me a form and I shall have Mrs. McCormick sign it, supply the necessary cheque, and forward it to you. This lady has a very splendid collection of California gold, Russian kopeki, and other items of interest. She is an amateur collector and not a really serious one. However, she is keenly interested and adds frequently to her collection. She kindly permits the C.C.C. to meet at her home each month. It is also possible that I shall have one or two more names to propose later. I am always on the look-out for collectors whom I feel will make good members of the Society. At this last meeting I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Howard R. Newcomb, also a member of the Society and the C.C.C. We had a pleasant chat about the Society and both regret we are so far away from New York.

I hope to hear from you soon and look forward to receiving the account of the annual meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Hazelton

January 13, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Yours of January 6th is at hand. Thank you for its enclosure of your dues. I trust this will serve you as a receipt.

I am glad your talk before the California Coin Club went off so well. In view of your statement of the case, it seems to me unnecessary for us to send you an application card for Mrs. McCormick. I am filling out one here, as having been signed by you, and that can be presented at the next meeting of our Council on February 5th. May you be as successful with the others you contemplate approaching. I am glad you met Mr. Newcomb - he is a very fine man.

The report of the annual meeting is to be printed in the February Numismatist so that you will soon have record of our doings there. That will interest you most is that Mr. Gillingham received the award of the Huntington Medal. If you care to drop him a line of congratulations, I am sure he will appreciate it.

Regarding the subject of your communication of December 31st concerned with the format of your work on the Russian military medals: Mr. Wood and I have gone over the questions raised by you and we have little to criticize, certainly, with regard to the paragraphs you devote to the preface and introduction. As to the description of medals, your classification seems entirely satisfactory. The customary procedure, I believe, would be to describe obverse and reverse and to have this followed by any notes relating to that particular medal. The size is usually the last item given under the reverse description. I would suggest your taking at random one specific medal and describing it as outlined above and sending it on to us so that we might criticize your result. In this way, we should be able best to help you. With cordial New Year wishes, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

50 copies of this
expressed to
Hazelton 1-27-32

ALAN W. HAZELTON

1343 WARNER AVENUE
WEST LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

February 5th, 1932.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I received my copy of monograph number 51, The Russian Imperial Orders, and am very happy to see my work in print. The plates are excellent and I have nothing but praise for the work of those responsible for the edition. Unfortunately, I was able to keep my one copy only one day; my uncle who was out here from Toledo took mine back with him as he seems very proud of it. In one of your letters you wrote that as the author I am entitled to 50 copies gratis for my own use. Would it be possible to get a few of these now as I wish to have several bound up for presentation to certain people who helped me with it. If you would like to send the lot I shall be happy to pay the express on the packet and thus save the Society some small expense. I realize that postage and express charges must run fairly high and I can easily and gladly pay the charges for this packet. If you do this, please address it to me in the following way;

Alan W. Hazelton,
United Costumers, Inc.,
6807 Santa Monica Blvd.,
Hollywood, California.

Yesterday I received a very nice letter from Mr. Wood, in which he tells me that you may be able to get some information for me from Milford Haven's book on Naval Medals, relative to the Russian naval awards. If so I shall be very much pleased as I need more material so that I may be at my manuscript on the Russian Medals.

I had a very kind letter from Mr. Gillingham in which he spoke with too much praise about my monograph. If it has pleased him so I feel satisfied with it for he is certainly the "last word" on the subject of orders, decorations and war medals. I am certainly pleased that Mr. Gillingham was awarded the Huntington Medal. From all I can gather he certainly deserves it.

In a few days I shall get at the example of the manner in which I plan to write my monograph on the

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Russian War Medals. I have been detained by the visit of my uncle. I hope to get a book from Finland soon about the Russian War Medals. This will help me along with my work.

I hope in a few weeks to have some new names for you as applicants for membership in the A.N.S. I find here that with two exceptions, the collectors here think the A.N.S. is the same as the A.N.A. I am trying to correct this but it seems difficult. Would it be possible for the A.N.S. to present to the California Coin Club a copy of the monographs still in print. By this means I believe that we should be able to secure almost an hundred per cent of the C.C.C. as Associate Members in the A.N.S. Or else, maybe the A.N.S. could exhibit a case of coins, medals and war medals at the A.N.A. convention to be held here next Summer. Although I have not spoken to Mr. Newcomb I believe that he would agree with me to exhibit it together in the name of the A.N.S. I believe that this would be a happy and successful means of advertising the A.N.S. among the serious Pacific Coast collectors. I hope you will not feel that I am too forward with these suggestions; I only wish to bring the A.N.S. to all collectors.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Alan Hazelton

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FEBRUARY 8th, 1932.

MR. SYDNEY P. NOE,
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
BROADWAY AT 156th STREET,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

DEAR MR. NOE:

FRIDAY I RECEIVED THE PACKAGE OF MONOGRAPHS AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SENDING THEM SO QUICKLY. WHEN I WROTE MY LAST LETTER TO YOU I SAID TO MYSELF THAT PROBABLY THE MONOGRAPHS WOULD BE ALONG THE NEXT DAY.

I ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE KUNERSDORFF MEDAL OF 1759. I WISH YOU AND MR. WOOD WOULD READ IT AND LET ME HAVE IT BACK WITH YOUR REMARKS. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE MR. GILLINGHAM TO SEE IT SO THAT HE CAN MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS HE THINKS BEST. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE WELL TO GIVE THE RUSSIAN INSCRIPTIONS IN THE RUSSIAN LETTERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH THEY APPEAR ON THE MEDALS? THE PRINTERS UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE THE KYRILLIAN LETTERS. YOU WILL NOTE THAT IN GIVING THE DATE I ADD THE LETTER "D"; THIS LETTER APPEARS IN THE RUSSIAN INSCRIPTION AND IS THE ABBREVIATION OF THE RUSSIAN WORD FOR "DAY". SOME OF THE MEDALS ALSO HAVE THE LETTER "G", THE ABBREVIATION FOR THE RUSSIAN WORD "YEAR". DO YOU NOT THINK IT WELL TO GIVE THESE DATES WITH AN EXPLANATION IN THE INTRODUCTION AS TO THE MEANINGS OF THE LETTERS "D" AND "G"?

COULD I HAVE FROM YOU RUBBINGS AND OTHER DATA RELATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING PIECES IN THE MUSEUM? I SHOULD LIKE RUBBINGS, METAL, AND RIBBON. THEY ARE THESE:-

NICOLAS I SERVICE CROSS.

NICOLAS II SERVICE CROSS?

WAR WITH TURKEY 1791 OVAL.

CAMPAIGN OF 1812, MEDAL FOR TERRITORIAL ARMY.

MEDAL FOR ROZHDISTVENSKY'S SQUADRON, WAR 1904-1905 WITH JAPAN.

DENIKINE'S JASSY TO THE DON 1918.

COUNT BERMONDT-AVALEFF MEDAL. OF 1919.

I also think that it would be well to give a chart or coloured PLATE OF THE RIBBONS OF THE MEDALS SO THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE EASILY FOUND BY THE COLLECTOR.

WILL YOU PLEASE THANK MR. WOOD FOR ME FOR THE LIST OF THE RUSSIAN COINS IN THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION. I SHALL ADD TO THESE IF I CAN FROM TIME TO TIME.

MY WIFE GAVE ME A VERY HANDSOME AND WELCOME GIFT; THE PETER THE GREAT MEDAL FOR ONE OF HIS EARLY CAMPAIGNS. IT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AND I FRANKLY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO SPELL THE NAME OF THE

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CAMPAIGN WITHOUT HAVING MY NOTES AT HAND. IT IS ONE OF THE EARLY ONES. THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES STATE THAT IT IS NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT THE MEDALS AWARDED BY PETER WERE MEANT TO BE WORN. SOME WERE HOLED AND SUPPLIED WITH A LOOP; SOME WERE GIVEN A CLASP RESEMBLING THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN MEDAL CLASP; AND SOME WERE NEVER FIXED FOR WEARING BUT WERE KEPT AS SOUVENIRS OF THE BATTLES OR CAMPAIGN. I PLAN TO LIST ALL THESE MEDALS WITH, OF COURSE, A NOTE TO THIS EFFECT. IN THIS CONNECTION I GAVE A BRONZE MEDAL FOR PULTAVA TO THE MUSEUM BEFORE I WAS AWARE OF THIS FACT. COULD I HAVE A RUBBING OF THIS MEDAL AS WELL AS OF THE OTHERS?

WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THEM, WILL YOU BE SO KIND AS TO RETURN TO ME THE RUSSIAN PIECES I HAVE AT THE MUSEUM. I SENT SOME TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE MONOGRAPH.

MR. GILLINGHAM HAS WRITTEN ME THAT HE GAVE TO THE MUSEUM HIS ST. ANDREW'S BADGE, HIS SMALL WHITE EAGLE, THE OLD JEWELLED ST. ANNA CROSS, AND SOME OTHER PIECES. I THINK THAT IS SPLENDID. I AM ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR COPIES OF EACH OF THE VARIATIONS OF THE ORDER OF ST. NICHOLAS THE MARTYR FOR THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTIONS.

I HOPE THAT YOU AND MR. WOOD AND ALL THE STAFF ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU SOON AGAIN.

MOST SINCERELY YOURS,

A. W. Hazeltin

February 16, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1343 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter of February 6th is at hand and I am returning the sample description of the Muneradorff medal with numerous suggestions, alterations and improvements. I hope you will realize that we have been going into the petty details because this will mean much to you in your future work and as you intimated in your letter much will depend on having a clear cut pattern to follow.

I am leaving the specific comments on the accompanying material to speak for themselves. In general, however, some observations might be considered in order:

- A. Brevity in so far as it does not interfere with accuracy is very desirable.
- B. It is sometimes well to be not too specific in describing the dies of medals. For example: I should say that the l. background of the reverse of your medal was occupied by the view of a city or the spires of a city. Doubtless it is intended to represent the city of Frankfurt and if you are certain that this is the case then you might write, "View of city(Frankfurt)". In other words, it seems to me better to describe what you actually see on the medal than that which the artist intended to represent. Sometimes the artist's results are very far from fulfilling his intentions. Similarly, would it not be better to say the the r. background is occupied by soldiers in retreat - this would prevent anyone questioning whether they are Prussian or Bavarian soldiers.

I am hoping that I shall succeed in finding a description of a medal from some catalogue which I can mark up with notes for you. Both Mr. Wood and I agree that it is going to be necessary to print the inscriptions in the Russian letters, and where these involve abbreviations, I believe it would be well to translate the inscription in a parenthesis. I suggest, however, that you go over this material carefully making any counter suggestions which may occur to you and raising any questions that may seem necessary. In other words, you might rewrite the description of this medal according to the pattern supplied, as you now understand it. This may enable us to detect some flaws in the instructions which we have tried to pass on to you. In your response try to give me some idea of the approximate number of medals you will have.

Under separate cover, we are sending you the decorations which you so kindly loaned us and Mr. Wood is expecting to send you the rubbings you desire, in a few days. We can tell better about the plate of ribbons in color

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later. These are rather extensive and if an accurate description can be made to suffice it would be desirable to eliminate a colored plate. We can, however, tell about this better at a later date. We have been receiving a number of compliments about the appearance of your monograph, some from people who have no interest in decorations whatever. I hope that it is going to prove possible for you to interest others of your membership in our Society and I expect later to submit a plan which will have advantages in connection with the convention of the association in your city during the summer.

I am enclosing a letter from a correspondent in England for your perusal. It arrived after the book had been printed so there has been no use in sending it to you before. Neither Mr. Wood nor General Falls have been able to obtain any information about the Order of Olga. Please return the letter after you have finished with it. You may of course copy it if you desire.

With cordial personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

SN:JC

Secretary

Obv. Inscription in Russian followed by translation in parenthesis. Then bust of the Empress Elizabeth to r. - the sculptor's name in small Russian letters below the bust.

Rev. Inscription in Russian followed by translation in parenthesis. Warrior in classic helmet and armour, carrying a spear in his r. hand and the Russian standard in his l; standing with l. foot on overturned vessel from which a stream of water issues, bearing the words - (translation) in the background. Battlefield strewn with corpses, weapons and a flag. At the l. background view of a city (Frankfurt - four miles from Kunersdorff); in r. background retreating soldiery.

a. AR Hazelton collection, 44 mm.

b. American Numismatic Society 44, 43 mm.

c. Sculptor (give name reference and metal) 40 mm.

No ribbon for this medal is described by the Russian authorities; (a.) as a light blue ribbon and (c.) is described as having a red ribbon with narrow white edges.

METAL:--Gold and silver.

OBVERSE:--A bust portrait of the Empress Elizabeth, surrounded by the abbreviated Russian inscription of her titles, (By the Grace of God, Elizabeth I, Empress and Autocrat of All the Russias), and with the sculptor's name in small Russian letters below the bust.

REVERSE:--A warrior in Roman helmet, armour, and dress, carrying in his right hand a spear and in his left hand the Russian standard; he stands with his left foot on an overturned pot from which issues a stream of water marked in Russian "R. ODER", indicating the river on the banks of which are both Kunersdorff and Frankfort. In the middle-background is seen the battlefield on which are strewn weapons and corpses. In the distant left background is the city of Frankfort (4 miles from Kunersdorff); while in the distant right background are the retreating Prussian soldiers. Above this spirited scene is the Russian inscription "FOR VICTORY"; and in the exergue the Russian inscription "OVER THE PRUSSIANS AUG. I.D. 1759".

SIZE:--The example in the author's collection measures 44 mm. Soulfert lists one in silver which measures 40 mm. ANS 1759 1/3 mm

RIBBON:--The Russian authorities give no ribbon for this medal as it is not known whether or not the medal was meant to be worn. The author's medal has a bit of light blue ribbon; the one listed by Soulfert is attached to a red ribbon with narrow white edges.

Handwritten: 1/25/32

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February 24th, 1932.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Your letter arrived yesterday and I hasten to answer it. I quite agree with your observations. You have given me just what I wanted. I shall re-type the Kunersdorff medal and shall also send you the account of another medal; one about which there are more questions to ask. From time to time I shall need your advice. Right now I want to know if you prefer having only one medal given on each typewritten page or if it will be alright to have two or more. I shall do whatever you wish in this matter. There are one or two things I wish to bring out before I go further. If you think it best, after reading this, to retain them I shall; otherwise I shall do without them. They are a) the Russian account of the Kunersdorff medal states that the city in the background is Frankfurt; and b) this same account also states that the soldiers fleeing are Prussians. These are small points, I know, but may be of value.

Regarding the use of Russian letters; I am equally in accord with you on this. I believe that it is necessary. There is only one thing to bring to your attention; that is, there are two alphabets, the old Kyrillian and the new Kyrillian. I have certain medals and variations which show that a variation may have the old Kyrillian while the other may have the new. In such cases I believe the best way to hit this will be for me to send the two medals on to you so that the printers may see the difference.

I realize that a coloured plate of ribbons will be expensive. However, I think it will be an aid and addition if it could be included. This can wait until the manuscript is complete.

I intend to do all I can to interest other collectors in the Society. However, I am going about this slowly and with care. I am so enthusiastic about the Society that I fear I may raise the hopes of some collector too high as regards the advantages of Associate Membership in the Society. There are one or two real students among the members of the C.C.C. and it is these I particularly wish to interest. I have a number of the monographs and I shall use these to further the interest of the Society. Also, the remarks by Mr. Newall at the last Annual Meeting will help with one collector I know. I shall report what success I have at a latter date. I have already told one of our members about the monograph on the Half Dimes and he said he was going to write to you about buying a copy of this.

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The decorations I lent you for the illustrations arrived safely today. I am happy that I had them so that we could make use of them.

Here is something which has entered my mind. The death of Mr. Belden brings to my thoughts something about which I have thought for some time. Namely; what provisions are being made towards keeping up to date certain monographs such as Mr. Belden's paper on the Campaign Medals of the United States? Since the appearance of this paper and the book of Colonel Wylie (?) the government has added a number of decorations and medals; the Order of the Purple Heart has been recently revived; medals have been granted for the Marine Corps Expeditionary Ribbon; the Yangtsee Patrol; the expeditions to Nicaragua; the Soldiers Medal; and several others. If you think the Society would be interested I shall be happy to undertake bringing the Belden paper to date. I expect to have plenty of time as the Russian Medals shall take a long time to complete, I am certain. Possibly it is too early to think of re-writing this monograph although thirty-two years is a long time. This is just a thought I have to offer.

Thanks for the letter from England. Comments are often interesting and helpful. I thought the same as he did after the book was made up. However, the text will explain about the ribbons. Regarding the Anna ribbon I feel that the illustration of this ribbon is not as good as it might be but I have seen pieces of the Russian ribbon like this so let it go. The name of the Order of St. George the Martyr is the official name. As to the ORDER OF ST. OLGA; have have seen one mention of this order after the monograph was well in press. However, the Emperor Kyrille Vladimirovitch did not mention it in the material he sent me; none of my Russian friends know anything about it; and I have seen mention of it in only one book, LES ORCIX DE GUERRE.

I shall write Mr. Guille and answer his remarks myself. Shall he receive a copy of the monograph? If not, I shall send him one of mine.

It gives me great pleasure to hear that the monograph has been well received. Decorations and War Medals make a brave display, have interesting histories and can be written about in an interesting fashion. I hope that this next one will be as well received.

Thanks for all your help and kind suggestions. I shall write Mr. Wood tomorrow. Best regards,

Alan Hazelton

P.S. 2. The Mr. Belden's paper on the Campaign Medals of the United States is a very good one - only 20 copies. I shall be glad to send you a copy if you are interested.

April 15, 1952.

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Dear Mr. Hazelton: ~

Under separate cover I
am sending you a copy of the Literatur-
blatt with a review of your monograph,
sent me for transmission by Dr. Samuel t.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

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1 September 2nd, 1932.

My Dear Wood:

My last letter was more of a conversational one. Now I must write about the new monograph.

I have received a lot of information about the Army medals and am now ready to write about them. I believe that I have all the data necessary to do this. Also, I believe that I have all the information relative to the military and naval decorations. I have some naval data but am not yet satisfied sufficiently to write about them. There are, however, several questions I wish to bring up before I start anything seriously.

Number 1:--It is in my mind to arrange the material as follows; first, a section devoted to decorations, both military, naval, and civilian decorations awarded to the forces; second, a section devoted to the military medals, campaign and commemorative; third, a section devoted to naval medals, both campaign and commemorative; third, a section given up to civilian medals awarded to either the Army, Navy or both. In this way all the medals awarded to the fighting forces will be described.

Number 2:--There are several objections to this, however. In the first place there are very few medals struck only for the Navy (at least as far as I can ascertain), but the majority of medals were awarded to both the Army and Navy in campaign in which both forces took part. Of course, the naval medals can be included in the Army medals in chronological order. This will, I am afraid, lead to some confusion, however.

Number 3:--There are a number of civilian medals awarded to the military and naval forces. I believe that these should be included in the monograph although to do so will mean leaving out a number of the civilian medals (in fact, a large number). The only difficulty is that to include civilian medals in this monograph will mean to extend the monograph to a very large number of pages or to issue it in two sections. I would rather write a third monograph than to do this. Then too, the task of compiling complete data relative to the civilian medals would be a long and arduous one--taking possibly three or four years before completeness could be approached. You know, as well as I, that the Russian government awarded more medals than possibly any other government.

Number 4:--There will be some medals about which I have no real official data. I know for what purpose these were established but not the date of establishment;

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shall I give all I know about these and not bother about the official part? Most of these are the modern medals.

Number 5:--I wish very much to give the history of the campaigns or battles for which the medals were awarded. I believe that a very short outline of each battle or campaign should be given. Poltava, Borodino, Kunersdorff, the defense of Sebastopol, the defense of Port Arthur, and other battles and campaigns had a great and far-reaching effect on the history of the world and more must be given about them than merely the mention of the name and its date. Certain battles reflect the greatest glory for the Russian Arms and I should like to give full credit for these brave deeds, especially in these times when the glory of Imperial Russia remains only in the memory of few persons. I really feel that possibly the most interesting parts of my first monograph are devoted to History as it is reflected in the Orders. I am certain that it is this feeling which is the predominate one in the mind of the advanced collector and one of the main reasons why there are collectors of War Medals and Decorations.

Number 6:--I have recently received a Turkish medal awarded to Russian troops who assisted the Sultan of Turkey in 1823. As far as I know, this is the only foreign campaign medal awarded to Russian soldiers. Should I mention this in an "Addenda"?

I believe that those are all the questions I have to bring up at this time. I plan to write each medal separately on a separate sheet or sheets. Then the whole can be arranged as you and No. 5 see fit and the sheets numbered. I am hoping to receive another book from Finland which will give me the data on Naval medals. However, I am not certain of receiving it. May I give the name of the Society if I find it necessary to try to borrow the book from a Finnish library? I wish very much to secure this book, if only to have it photographed. In that case I shall be happy to send a copy of the prints to the Society.

I enclose two medals which I do not believe the Museum has; the silver medal for the Turkish War of 1828-29, and the first style of the St. Anna Medal, with ribbon. The latter has the enamel worn off the cross and circle on the obverse and the circle of the reverse; the enamel, seldom found intact, was red. If you have either or both of these return the one I send, please.

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There is very little else to tell at this time. I hope to make some progress soon on the monograph, although at present I feel very much at sea due to the wealth of material from which I have to work. By the way, I suppose that I may accept Sculfort as being a reliable authority on Russian Medals etc.? He mentions a few Naval medals about which I have no other information.

I shall close this letter now. Please give my best regards to Noe. I hope that you will both study this letter and let me have your opinions as soon as you have come to some conclusion.

Hoping that you are all well and quite busy, I am,

Cordially yours,

Alan.

September 5, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
1543 Warner Avenue
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

It was pleasant to have your greetings in the letter to Mr. Wood and I am glad to learn that the convention was so decidedly a success. This is corroborated by a letter from the president of the California Coin Club carrying the same message.

I hope you have received further congratulatory references to your monograph. Recently one of our members spoke of his satisfaction in owning it. If you ever care to have me propose you as a fellow of the Society please let me know because you are now in a position to qualify and I should be very glad to take the necessary steps if you care to consider this suggestion. I hope your summer has been a pleasant one.

Very cordially yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

Alan W. Hazelton.

September 23, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
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West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter of September 2nd addressed to Mr. Wood has been referred to me for response. I would also avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of your letter placing your name in nomination as a fellow. This will be presented at the next meeting of our Council, probably on October 14th.

With regard to your queries as to inclusion military and naval medals, I should like to answer them in the order in which you have placed them.

1. I deem to be there would be a great gain in making your monograph refer exclusively to military and naval medals. The fact that civilian medals have also been awarded to men in the Forces is not of sufficient weight toward including these pieces in my estimation.

2. This course would permit you to include the medals for the navy alone as well as those issued for both army and navy.

3. Your paragraph under this section expresses the objections I feel towards including the civilian medals - that their number would overbalance the other medals and confuse what distinctiveness there might be in listing the medals given to the army and navy. Aside from the number I should think that these civilian medals would include a great many of trivial importance. It seems to me that your suggestion of confining these to a possible third monograph is the best solution of the question.

4. It seems to me that the effort to obtain the official information regarding these medals should not be given up until the last moment, after every agency for procuring it has been exhausted. If it is difficult to obtain its value will be the greater for that very reason and since many of your sources will necessarily be in Russian this will further enhance its publication value.

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5. I see no objection to giving a brief account of campaigns or battles for which awards were made.

6. I believe the Turkish medal you describe should be included and others like it.

Yes, you may give the name of our library in case you need to borrow the Finnish book.

If I have not been clear in my statements as outlined above please feel that I should be only too glad to have you ask for further enlightenment. Also, please bear in mind that I am making these judgments without a knowledge of the material and that in consequence I should possibly be under the necessity of modifying them in the light of considerations of which I am not aware.

With cordial personal regards,

HN:JG

Secretary

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September 28th, 1932.

Dear Noe:

I have just received your interesting and helpful letter of the twenty-third and hasten to answer it.

Since I wrote the letter relative to the Russian army and navy medals I have been giving them a matter quite a lot of thought and have reached the same conclusion that you came to; namely, to limit the monograph to strictly ~~Russian~~ military and naval awards. The number of civilian medals which were, and might have been, awarded to the military are legion and, as you state, include many of trivial importance. After this monograph on the army and navy awards I can take up the civilian medals for a third monograph.

I quite agree with you as to the official information. It is my intention to start writing at once to various Societies and institutions in an endeavour to secure further information. While I have this cold is a good time to get all this writing done and I shall do much of it today. The only thing I fear is that I could wait for years before securing all the data there is. However, I am well fixed for official information from the time of Peter the Great to the reign of Nicholas I for the Army medals.

I am happy to read that you are in favour of a brief account of the campaigns or battles for which awards were made. In my estimation such accounts take a monograph out of the purely scholastic or scientific class and include them in the historical class of literature as well as in the former class. I believe such accounts make for more interesting reading and appeal more to those who do not collect these numismatic items.

I shall try to find more foreign medals awarded to Russian troops. There must have been such a medal from Austria to those who took part in the Hungarian campaign. Should the foreign awards be only the campaign medal of the foreign country do you think they should be included? This is a doubtful point in my mind.

I shall probably use the name of your library in writing to Finland and possibly to a few other countries. In some cases the books may be sent directly to you for transmittance to me. Through the agency of some foreign libraries I hope to be able to secure additional information.

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A German firm has asked me to write for them a monogram on the uniforms of our Army. This I shall do as I believe I shall have plenty of time between periods of writing on my monogram on medals. Such work is interesting to me and I greatly enjoy it. I only wish I had more time for research and writing on the subject of numismatics and uniforms. Someday I hope to have enough money so that I can retire from active office work and devote my time to such work that I like.

By the way, the first award for military service in the Russian Army was a gorget plate awarded by Peter the Great to officers of the Preobrajensky Guard Regiment. I have a photograph of this plate and shall have it re-produced so that it may be included in the monogram. Of course, this is a most scarce and valuable award and I shall probably never see one, much less own one. Really this was an award for bravery as well as a campaign award.

Well, I shall close this letter now and get to work on the other letters. Thank you so much for your assistance in this regard. I certainly shall need your guidance in this monogram work. Again let me thank you for proposing my name for a fellowship. Frankly, I believe that this is about the only "kudos" which I particularly desire at this time. To be a Fellow of The American Numismatic Society is to me a real honour and one which I should dearly like to have. Thank you again. I hope the Council will accept my nomination.

Please give my best regards to Wood and the other whom I know. I am

Most cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

October 3, 1932.

Mr. Alan W. Hazelton
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West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Yours of September 28th is at hand. I think there is only one query that needs attention - whether the campaign medals of foreign countries should be included. I think your own judgment would be the wisest criterion in cases of this kind. Personally, I can see no good reason for including in a work such as you plan regulation medals of a foreign country which one would expect to find in a description of the military medals of that country. If, however, as with the Turkish medal you cited in your former letter, its award to Russian troops was exceptional this in itself places the award in an entirely different aspect and makes it in the nature of a justified exception to a rule to exclude such foreign awards as a general thing. It seems, however, that each case will have to be decided on its merits and that your judgment on such matters is trustworthy.

I shall promptly inform you should any developments arise with regard to loans requested by you through foreign libraries. Our Council meeting is slated for October 14th, after which date I shall write you regarding your application for a transfer to the class of fellows.

Very cordially yours,

AN:JC

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October 9th, 1932.

Dear Noe:

Thanks so much for your prompt reply to my last letter. I quite agree with you that the foreign awards shall each have to be carefully considered and judged on their individual merits. I shall take these up last and shall come in touch with you regarding them at a later date.

I have come across some marvelous historical data regarding the medals of Peter the Great and am now translating it. I also have some interesting Russian information on the use of money as badges of distinction awarded for military merit prior to the reign of Peter. I am going into this historical side very deeply and shall be able to give some most unusual and interesting facts relative to the Russian awards. I have made up my mind that this monogram shall be the final and complete authority on this subject for all time. I have come across the original Russian authorities---such as Peter the Great's Private Journal and the statutes of the time---which shed much light on the system and the development of awarding medals to the Russian forces. If I could only secure such detailed and full data regarding the medals from 1820 to 1914 I should be very happy. It seems strange that the more difficult medals are those of comparatively modern times. However, such is the case.

Really I have become quite enthusiastic with the work. It holds promise of great interest. Within a few weeks I hope to be able to send you the opening of the manuscript. There is much historical material which, in my belief, should be placed at the beginning as a sort of introduction. This would give the historical background before the reign of Peter the Great and also the generalities of all the Russian medals and other awards. There are quite a number of such generalities. I shall then start off with the medals of Peter and work through by reigns in chronological order. I believe that by dating and numbering I shall achieve better results than by dividing into two parts of Army and Navy. I think also to include in chronological order the decorations---or possibly these should be left to a separate division. The reason I have changed my idea about separating the Army and Navy awards is that there were really very few awards exclusively for the Navy. In the reigns of Peter and Catherine the Great, to be sure, a number of Navy medals were struck. In later years, however, the naval forces were usually awarded the same medal or decoration as the military forces. Then too, a collector

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possessing a naval award might wish to look it up chronologically and study its relationship to the military award for the same campaign. There are, of course, many arguments in favour of each system and I believe we should give further thought to the matter. You might ask one or two collectors what they think, as in the final measure we are working for the convenience of the collector and for his benefit.

I had a letter from a Mr. Riós of Brooklyn who sent me a rubbing of a medal which he has in his collection. I was unable to give him any definite information regarding his piece. If you know of any other collectors who might have Russian pieces will you be so kind as to come in touch with them, asking them to write me about their pieces? In this way I shall perhaps receive some additional data. I have a complete list of all the decorations and medals awarded by Peter the Great but unfortunately the descriptions are generalized and we do not have, as far as I have been able to find out, a complete collection of these medals in this country. Therefore, if I can discover only one medal in the cabinet of a collector--that is, one which we do not have--I shall be that much gainer. I am starting to try to gather together as many of the medals of Peter as I can find. In that way I shall be able to make complete and accurate descriptions of them.

That is all for tonight. I hope that the action of the Council will be favourable towards my application. With best regards to you and Wood, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Alan W. Hazelton.

October 15, 1932.

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Dear Mr. Hazelton:

At a meeting of the Council yesterday you were unanimously elected a fellow, but at Mr. Gillingham's suggestion and in order to save your paying dues for the small balance of the present year this transfer is dated as of January 1, 1933. I know you will be pleased and I am sending you this brief line to tell you of the Council's action.

Your letter of October 14th came a day or so ago and I have shown it to Wood. I am quite in agreement with all you expressed therein, especially as regards combining the army and navy medals. I should be glad to let you know of any other collectors of Russian material but they are not many.

With cordial regards,

EN:JC

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October 16th, 1932.

Sydney P. Noe, Esquire,
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Dear Noe:

I send you herewith the first draft of Chapter I and part of Chapter II of the new monograph manuscript. I have them ready for final transcription unless you make some changes in them. Please correct or change them as you think best and return the sheets to me. By Wednesday I hope to have ready for you several sheets of descriptions of medals so that you may be able to judge them and return them with your criticisms.

There are a few points I wish to bring out to you about the enclosed sheets.

FIRST:--Believing that the use of pieces of money as decorations might be of great interest to coin collectors I have devoted the first chapter to them and have given as much information as is available. I suggest that you come in touch with the Russian museum with which you correspond and try to get from them photographs of the pieces mentioned on page 3 of the manuscript of Chapter I as having been awarded to Prince V.V. Golitzin. I trust that the name, ARMORY MUSEUM, is correct; it is the only English translation which sounds right. I believe that illustrations of such pieces would be of great interest not only to collectors of decorations but also, and possibly to a greater degree, to coin collectors. Also, I believe it would be the first time such pieces were illustrated in a work on Russian decorations.

SECOND:--You will note that I have given certain authorities as footnotes. It is my plan to give as NOTES in the back of the book the biographical and other similar notices, and also to give a BIBLIOGRAPHY of the works I have used. The works referred to, however, after the * are those which the ~~authorities~~ authorities I use have consulted. I believe it best to treat them in this manner. You will note that in the text--when I wanted to indicate a footnote--I have used parenthesis and an asterix, thus:-- (*-----). Is this the best way of indicating the beginning and end of a source? Please let me know your idea of this.

THIRD:--I have a complete list of the naval and military medals awarded by Peter the Great. Between the Museum, Mr. Gillingham's former collection, ~~and~~ Sculfort and my collection we have probably one-third only of the medals awarded by him. Would it be possible for you--or the Museum or Society--to undertake to get descriptions and rubbings from such foreign museums as may have copies of the ones which we lack? I have been unable to secure anything Russian on the subject other than this list and ~~and~~ a general description covering all the medals.

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It would add greatly to the value of this work if we could secure complete descriptions of all the medals issued by Peter. I can send you a list of the medals we do not have access to.

I shall be able to carry my manuscript now up to the 1814 Medal for the Entry into Paris (and including this medal) by using the Russian authorities which I have at present. Of course, I have many--if not most--of the medals awarded after this so can give complete descriptions, size, and historical background. However, I should like to have something official--or at least Russian--as to the date created and any restrictions or privileges attached to them. I hope that I shall be able to secure such data.

Well, that is all for tonight. Please let me have the sheets of manuscript back as soon as possible as I should like to have your re-actions and criticisms.

I wrote Wood today and sent him a nice coin for the cabinet. Give everyone I know my best regards.

Most cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

October 25, 1932.

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Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter of the 16th is at hand and I am sending back the sheets which you sent me. You have asked me for criticism - I hope you will not think me too frank.

Your decision with regard to chapter I seems to me a very good one. You will observe, however, that most of the material you have drawn upon for this chapter relies upon what someone else has said about the material. I am perfectly willing to make up your suggestion of corresponding with the Russian museum involved in an effort to get a photograph of coins used as decorations. If we are able to secure this you will see the pertinence of my criticism when I say that it would be much better to try to identify the pieces photographed and to use the photograph as the text which would corroborate the statements of others with regard to this work. This procedure would hold throughout your monograph because the coins and medals which you are describing are themselves evidence which is capable of refuting or confirming what may have been written by others with regard to them. In other words, books are secondary sources and we prefer direct or primary sources - that is the coins or medals themselves.

Your convention for footnotes is one that is readily understandable.

Please let me know how many medals there are of Peter the Great to which you do not have access. I hesitate to ask for casts of these if a large number are involved. Are you sure you have exhausted the possibilities of the books describing them? Such questions I am leaving almost entirely in your hands with the assumption that you are exhausting every possibility for obtaining information. Until I find that you have done, however, I am not able to check up on this and even then I am at a loss with regard to things printed in Russian. I can make inquiries in certain directions if you wish to have me do so but there is no use in having me duplicate what you may be doing, providing it is being done thoroughly. I append a brief list of books which seem to me to be of significance for you. Perhaps you had better write me as to anyone in Russia on whom you are relying for data with any further details regarding your procedure that you think pertinent. I note that you are going to send me specimen descriptions of your medals for criticism and I shall endeavor to send these back to you as promptly as may be. One caution,

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which is probably unnecessary, - your work is going to be an extended one. Questions of procedure must be settled at the beginning and that is going to make the beginning a slow process. It is only, however, by thoroughly organizing your material that you are going to succeed in having it represent the standard you wish it to have. I hope, therefore, you will accept these remarks in the spirit in which they are intended and realize that making haste slowly is the part of wisdom under the circumstances. It might be well for you to send me a list of the books with which you are now working. In the list which is appended I have included several items which may have nothing to do with medals because I am unable to tell whether they do or not.

Very truly yours,

SN:JC

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November 19, 1932.

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Dear Mr. Hazelton:

Your letter of October 29th and a later one under date of November 6th enclosing Dr. Mabeck's application have both been received. Thank you for both. I was obliged by sending you the books you wished and before criticising your specimen, pages I would like to know a little about the material which you find in these volumes, which I trust will have reached you by now. I should have examined them before they were sent to you and intended to do so but in the rush of trying to get things done I gave instructions to have them opened before I would need to look at them. A very vital point, of course, is whether or not they are reproduces and describes the medals which you are describing - Tolstova and Gerasimoff. Next, what about the other medals which he describes and how many of them do you propose to treat? Third, are any of the medals which you propose to treat not included by this writer?

It does not necessarily follow that there would be objection to republishing some of these medals, especially if there was additional information or if there were others which had not been included. We should not, of course, want to publish them as though this were being done for the first time. If they are already described by this Frenchman or by anyone else. In speaking of things as having been published, I am making an exception of publications in Russian because their having been printed in Russian precludes their being available to a heavy percentage of numismatic students. What we do wish to feature is material not previously available and what we want to avoid is material that has been adequately published elsewhere, so please let me have your findings regarding the books that have been sent you and I will try to be prompt in answering your response.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary



CROSS AND MEDAL FOR THE CAPTURE OF BAZARDJIK—1810.

OFFICERS' CROSS:

Obv. Russian inscription **ЗА ОТЛИЧНУЮ ХРАБРОСТЬ** (For Distinguished Bravery).

Rev. Russian inscription **ПРИ ВЗЯТИИ ПРИСТУПОМЪ БАЗАРДЖИКА 22 МАІЯ 1810 Г.** (For the Capture by Storm of Bazardjik 22 May 1810 Year)

A gold four-arm Maltese cross having a round center medallion on both obverse and reverse, which contain the above inscriptions.

Ribbon black and orange (the colours of the Order of Saint George).

All officers ~~not awarded any of the Orders~~ who distinguished themselves at the capture by assault of the Turkish fortress of Bazardjik on the 22nd of May 1810, and who were not awarded an Order for this same engagement, were given this cross. It was established on the 13th of June 1810.

SOLDIERS' MEDAL:

Obv. The head of Alexander I to the r. surrounded by the Russian inscription of his titles, **АЛЕКСАНДРЪ І. ИМП. ВСЕРОСС.** (Alexander I. Emp(eror)—~~and~~ of All the Russ(ias).). Below the bust is the signature C. Lebereint. F.

Rev. The Russian inscription **ЗА ОТЛИЧІЕ ПРИ ВЗЯТИИ ПРИСТУПОМЪ БАЗАРДЖИКА 22 МАІЯ 1810 Г.** (For Distinction at the Capture by Storm of Bazardjik 22 May 1810 Year).)

- a. A round silver medal, 31 mm. C. S. Gifford collection.
b. Sculfort No. Ka 2099, 32 mm., silver.

Ribbon orange and black (the colours of the Order of Saint George).

On the same date as the above cross was established for officers, a round silver medal was awarded to all soldiers who took part in the capture of Bazardjik.

MEDAL FOR THE ENTRY INTO PARIS--1814.

Obv. Head of Alexander 1 to r. laurel wreath crowning head. Above, the All-Seeing Eye of God in a triangle, and radiating rays from the triangle over the entire surface of the obverse.

Rev. A laurel wreath following the edge, enclosing the Russian inscription ЗА ВЗЯТИЕ ПАРИЖА 19 МАРТА 1814. (For the Capture of Paris, 19 March 1814.)

A.W.Hazelton collection, 29 mm., silver.

Ribbon, half light blue, half black and orange striped (colours of the Order of Saint George).

On the thirtieth day of August 1814, the Emperor Alexander 1 established a round silver medal, hung from ~~the~~ a ribbon half the colours of the Order of Saint Andrew and half the colours of the Order of Saint George, to all those who took part in the war against Napoleon 1. However, the medals were not distributed until the 19th of March 1826 by the Emperor Nicholas 1.

ИСТОРИЧЕСКОЕ ОПИСАНИЕ ОДЕЖДЫ И ВООРУЖЕНИЯ РОССИЙСКИХЪ ВОЙСКЪ.

(Historical Description of the Clothing and Equipment of the Russian Army)

Vol. XVIII, p. 81.

December 7, 1932.

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Dear Hazelton:

Please pardon the delay in writing you. It is partly due to the fact that it was necessary to have Mr. Wood look over your material and partly to the death of a close friend of mine which has prevented my giving full time to my work for the past week or more. Referring now to your letter of the 23rd, please feel that I am in accord with you with respect to the desirability of having your work as complete as possible. What I may say hereafter I feel sure you will accept in the spirit of constructive criticism and as an attempt to put on paper such directions as will enable you to get the best results with the least loss of energy. What you have written reassures me that a comparatively minor part of the work you are contemplating is duplication of what has been done before and that even when there is some duplication this is offset by the circumstance that your data is being brought together from varied sources and sometimes from books that are unavailable to most searchers.

In an effort to be complete, however, one must guard against defeating the purpose with which one sets out. May I illustrate what I mean? Over a score of years ago one of the members of this Society set out to prepare a descriptive list of all the medical medals he could find and their publication was begun in the American Journal in 1888. It continued in installments up to 1912 at which time the incoming of a new editor the author was informed that the continuation of his work was impossible. He was naturally greatly disappointed. His completed work was published after his death by his son in a volume containing 1146 pages. It is without illustrations. Now what I want to demonstrate by this example is that the very magnitude of his work may preclude its achieving the publication it deserves. I should be very sorry for you to put several years work into a publication such as is contemplated only to find that the very size of it prevented its acceptance. For one of our members once you had finished with it. Under the circumstances, the first suggestion I would make would be that you decide early on which medals you contemplate illustrating and that the full list of your description be modified accordingly. There is little use in describing minutely a place which is adequately re-produced. I, therefore, think that this is a constructive suggestion.

Now, take the first of your submitted descriptions. Will you let me send it to pieces, in order that you may benefit by the operation. If you contemplating reproducing it, the description should be cut down radically. If you do not reproduce it and if reproduction is published elsewhere in a form that is reasonably available then a reference to that illustration elsewhere would permit you to be less minute in your description than if this were a

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medal that was being described for the first time without being reproduced. I shall attempt a revision of your sheet and I would suggest that you place the two side by side for comparison and that you then go on to my next point.

With the volume by Tiregale at hand you have an excellent pattern. I think wd may answer your question regarding the use of Russian script by saying that there is no need for hiring a typewriter with Russian characters, providing your transcription is dependably accurate. For example, on the obverse of the Poltava medal the inscription is quoted in Roman letters with the addition that sculptor's initials which you give in Roman are in Russian letters on the medal. In the very next line you give the Russian letters for the inscription on the reverse. Why should not this have been done in both places? Is there no possibility of identifying this artist? Is he another than the artist for the reverse? These you see are questions which one has a right to ask, in the light of your announced purpose of endeavoring to make a complete record with respect to these medals. I would further criticise your reverse exergual inscription because I fear no printer could follow the inked-in portion which seems to be the word for June. This may seem a small point but a heavy percentage of the cost in printing is due to alterations made necessary because the printer cannot understand the indications given by the author. Furthermore, in a language with which the editorial staff is not familiar there is a obliviousness to mistakes by the printer which if left unnoted by the author bring unfavorable criticism.

At the bottom of the page you mention a bronze medal in the museum of our Society. I thought we had specimens of the larger medal but if the silver plated piece we have which bears the inscription quoted in your reverse belongs here then your description of that erverse does not tally with our piece. Furthermore, the smaller bronze medal which we have does not tally with either of them, although apparently all three bear the name of Poltava and the date 1709.

You will see by my revision that I have made a virtue of conciseness. I believe this to be necessary because of the magnitude of your task. I realize however that the relative importance of a medal may be indicated by the amount of space you devote to its description and I am willing to concede considerable leeway in this regard.

I am sorry it has taken so many words to try to convey to you my desire to help you at the beginning. I should have been more hesitant perhaps if I did not find that Mr. Wood who had looked over the material independently was in accord with me in most of those suggestions. A point raised by Mr. Wood was that it would be well to avoid inconsistency. If you begin by citing the inscribing in one medal (for example that for Knersdorf) then there is good reason for doing that with each of the others. I hope you will not feel we are hypercritical or be discouraged by this deluge of what looks like fault finding, but as I have said to you in previous letters, everything which makes for consistency and uniformity that can be formulated now means a saving of energy that would be required for later correcting it if it were not right.

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February 6th, 1933.

Dear Noe:

I have just received your letter of the first and hasten to answer it. I am more than pleased that the specimen pages meet with your approval. Your idea of locating towns and battle fields is a very good one. I am sure that if I knew nothing of the Russian campaigns I should like to have some idea of the location of the battle in question. I shall follow this in the future. From time to time small questions will arise. If I am not certain as to their answer I shall come in touch with you; otherwise, I shall be guided by my own judgement.

About the coloured plate: I know of the English book in preparation and hope to secure a copy. Fortunately, the ribbons of most of the decorations and medals are either those of the orders singly or in combinations. I can thus refer to my monograph on the orders. This had not occurred to me, and, I believe, obviates the necessity of the coloured plate. Personally, I would rather have illustrations of the medals than of the ribbons.

I shall speak to Doctor Harbeck about his membership application. I am certain he has just overlooked it as at the last meeting he thanked me for placing his name and seemed quite pleased that he had been elected. He is a serious student and collector of Roman coins and has, I believe, a rather large collection. Our next meeting is tomorrow night and if he is present I shall speak to him.

I am looking forward with anticipation to the February number of THE NUMISMATIST for the account of the yearly meeting. It is only through my letters to you and Wood and this number of THE NUMISMATIST that I keep in touch with the Museum and its activities. As you know, I am greatly interested in our work and devour all the information I can secure relative to the Society. I have a copy of the yearly Proceedings of 1921 and 1922 and have read these old issues at least ten times each. I wish that a small monthly bulletin could be issued for the benefit of those members living outside of Greater New York. Such a bulletin could tell of the Museum activities and would be a means of stirring the interest of distant members and keeping that interest more active than it is at present. However, I suppose that such a project is impossible at the present time so I must be satisfied with what news I do receive.

Do you suppose that it would ever be possible to issue a catalogue of the Orders, Decorations and War Medals in the Society's cabinets? If so, it would help in guiding those members who wish to add to the Society's collection. If I knew what the Society lacked I would be quite apt to keep my eyes out for specimens and buy those which came within my means. As it is, outside of the Russian collection I know very little about the full collection so do not buy for the Society lest I purchase something which the Museum already has. If someone would make a list I should be happy to put it into catalogue

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form following the lines of the Sculfort catalogue. The list could be sent me here and I could write it out, then Wood could correct it lest I had made errors and could also put in the dimensions, finally the results could be issued as one of the monograph series but in a larger edition for general sale. Inasmuch as I shall now soon be finished with all my available official data on the Russian decorations and medals, and as the acquiring of new official data in the near future seems to be rather remote, I shall have time to do this.

Speaking of securing official data: I have booksellers in Germany and Finland looking for new information for me and I shall write very soon to booksellers in Sweden and Tchecoslovakia also in the hope that they can find some data for me. Are you in touch with any of the Swedish Museums? If so, could you write them asking if you might borrow any data they may have on the subject? If such material could be secured as a loan I would have it photographed and it could then be returned. I should also present the Museum with a bound copy of the photographed plates. I wish you would look into this for me as a letter from you will carry more weight than one from me. I expect to write this week to the Royal Belgian Army Museum along the same lines.

I enclose one medal and a coronation medal of Catherine the Great. The medal, as you see, is an American award. It interests me as being so very distinctly a personal award. Such decorations appear to me to be especially worthy of adding to the Museum's collection. Although they may be worth little yet they represent Our history. In this particular instance the medal is for a New York Regiment which should be of especial value to a Museum situated in that city. If I am fortunate enough to secure other medals of this type I shall send them on to you.

That is about all for the present. Please give Wood my kindest regards and believe me

Most cordially yours,

Alan Hazelton.

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